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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(MBHB 00-1323-H)

In re the Application of:)
Hillman)
Serial No: 10/013,036)) Group Art Unit: 1647
Filed: October 30, 2001)) Examiner: S. Gucker
For: Antimicrobial Polypeptide, Nucleic)) Conf. No.: 8384
Acid, and Methods of Use)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this preliminary amendment before substantive examination of the above-mentioned application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this amendment; however, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.